(c) whether it is a fact that free railway passes are issued to news-persons?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS (SHRI R. VELU): (a) Rs. 88.46 crore in 2004-05 and Rs. 92.61 crore in 2005-06.

(b) These advertisements are released to the newspapers approved by the Directorate of Advertising and Visual Publicity (DAVP) based on their standing, circulation, place of publication, target area, availability of funds, etc. on rotation basis to a limited number of publications for a particular insertion.

(e) Single to & fro journey passes are issued in favour of news-persons occasionally for covering events connected with Railway working with the approval of the Competent Authority in relaxation of extant rules.

**Opening up passenger train service to private sector**

1939. SHRI ABU ASIM AZMI:
SHRI AMAR SINGH:

Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government propose to open up passenger train services to the private sector; and

(b) if so, what are the details thereof and the reasons therefor?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS (SHRI R. VELU): (a) No, Sir.

(b) Does not arise.

**Services announced in rail budget**

1940. SHRI ABU ASIM AZMI: Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) whether all the train services announced in 2006-07 railway budget have been started;

(b) if so, the names/details of the trains service which have been introduced, so far, and which are to be introduced and by when; and

(c) the programme envisaged by Railways to start the remaining passenger trains?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS (SHRI R. VELU): (a) to (c) The train services announced in Rail Budgets are introduced during the course of the ensuing financial year. The train services of Budget 2006-07 introduced so far and to be introduced are given in Statement (*See* below). The remaining services will be introduced during the current financial year on availability of rolling stock, completion of projects including gauge conversion works and new lines, completion of terminal facilities etc.

***Statement***

*Budget 2006-07 services provided so far*

*Introduction 2006-07*

| Sl. | Train No. | Train name |
|---|---|---|
| 1 | 3153A/3154A | Radhikapur-Sealdah Link Express with 3453/ 3454 Gour Express (daily) |
| 2 | 219/220 | Mailani-Palia Kalan Passenger (MG) (daily) |
| 3 | 2855/2856 | Nagpur-Raipur Intercity Express (daily) |
| 4 | MA-1/MA-2 | Mathura-Alwar Passenger (Daily) |
| 5 | 4207/4208 | Delhi-Raibarely Express (tri-weekly) |
| 6 | 8509/8510 | Visakhapatnam-Nizamabad Express (bi-weekly) |
| 7 | 2869/2870 | Howrah-Mumbai Express (weekly) |
| 8 | 8415/8416/ 8417/8418 | Howrah-Puri Express (bi-weekly) |
| 9 | 9323/9324 | Indore-Bhopal Intercity Express (daily) |
| 10 | 5281/5282 | Saharsa-Patna Kosi Express (daily) |
| 11 | 2103/2104 | Pune-Lucknow Express (weekly) |
| 12 | 2851/2852 | Chennai-Bilaspur Express (weekly) |
| 13 | 2203/2204 | Saharsa-Amritsar Garbi Rath (AC) (bi-weekly) |
| 14 | 7JN/8JN | Jallandhar City-Nakodar DMU (daily) |

| Sl. | Train No. | Train name |
|---|---|---|
| 15 | 1449/1450 | Jabalpur-Jammu Tawi Express (weekly) |
| 16 | 6531/6532 | Yeswantpur-Ajmer Garid Nawaj Express (weekly) |
| 17 | 2695/2696 | Chennai-Tiruvananthapuram Express (Daily) |
| 18 | 209/210 | Machilipatnam-Tirupati Fast Passenger (tri-weekly) |
| 19 | 483/484 | Bankura-Ranchi (Hatia) Passenger via Purulia |
| 20 | 5715/5716 | Kishanganj-Ajmer Garib Nawaj Express (weekly) |
| 21 | 5BA/6BA | Asansol-Bokaro (MEMU) |
| 22 | 211/212 | Gudur-Tirupati Passenger (daily) |
| 23 | 2667/2668 | Chennai Egmore-Nagercoil Express (weekly) |
| 24 | 2697/2698 | Chennai-Tiruvananthapuram Express (weekly) |
| 25 | 2681/2682 | Chennai-Coimbatore Express (weekly) |
| 26 | 2685/2686 | Chennai-Mangalore Express (tri-weekly) |
| 27 | 6733/6734 | Madurai-Tirupati-Manmad Express (weekly) |
| 28 | 483/484 | Hajipur-Sonpur-Chhapra-Siwan-Thawe Passenger (daily) |
| 29 | 9269/9270 | Motihari-Porbander Express (weekly) |
| 30 | 6315/6316 | Bangalore-Ernakulam (Kochuveli) Express (weekly) |
| ***Extensions—2006-07*** | | |
| 1 | 7203/7204 | Vijaywada-Lokmanya Tilak (T) Express to Kakinada Town & Bhavnagar |
| 2 | 6231/6232 | Mysore-Kumbakonam Express to Mayiladuturai |
| 3 | 823/824 | Tiruchhirappalli-Kumbakonam Passenger |
| 4 | 895/896 | Tiruchhirappalli-Thanjavur Passenger to Mayiladuturai |
| 5 | 1271/1272 | Itarsi-Bina Vindhyachal Express to Habibganj |
| 6 | 1469/1470 | Jabalpur-Kota Express to Jaipur |
| 7 | 193/194 | Jaipur-Kota Passenger to Shamgarh |

| Sl. | Train No. | Train name |
|---|---|---|
| 8 | 207/208 | Okha-Surendranagar Passenger to Bhavnagar |
| 9 | 211/212 | Puri-Sambalpur Passenger to Rourkela |
| 10 | 4845/4846 | Jodhpur-Ahmedabad Express to Bandra (T) |
| 11 | 6311/6312 | Tiruvananthapuram-Jodhpur Express to Bikaner |
| 12 | 8305/8306 | Raipur-Sambalpur Express to Bhubaneswar |
| 13 | 9777/9778 | Jaipur-Agra Fort Express to Gwalior |
| 14 | 8239/8240 | Bilaspur-Itwari Express to Nagpur |
| 15 | 1095/1096 | Pune-Ahmedabad Ahimsa Express (tri-weekly) to Jodhpur (once a week) |
| 16 | 8467/8468 | Puri-Jaipur Express to Jodhpur |
| 17 | 1321/1322 | Pune-Nanded/Mudkhed Passenger to Nizamabad |
| 18 | 2555/2556 | Gorakhpur-Rohtak Gorakhdham Express to Bhiwani |
| 19 | 5631/5632 | Guwahati-Jodhpur to Barmer |
| 20 | 9105/9106 | Ahmedabad-Delhi Mail to Haridwar |
| 21 | 4887/4888 | Haridwar/Kalka-Jodhpur Express to Barmer |
| 22 | 2967/2968 | Jaipur-Chennai Express (tri-weekly) to Coimbatore once a week |
| 23 | 355/356 | Hyderabad-Chittapur Passenger to Wadi |
| 24 | 439 | Tirupati-Ongole Passenger to Chirala |
| 25 | 385/386 | Sholapur-Bijapur Passenger to Bagalkot |
| 26 | 6513/6514 | Bangalore-Bijapur Express to Bagalkot |

***Increase in frequency (2006-07)***

| Sl. | Train No. | Train name |
|---|---|---|
| 1 | 2661/2662 | Chennai Egmore-Tenkasi Pothigai Express from bi-weekly to 3 days in a week |
| 2 | 377/378 | Belgaum-Miraj Passenger from 5 days in a week to 6 days in a week |

| Sl. | Train No. | Train name |
|---|---|---|
| 3 | 379/380 | Belgaum-Miraj Passenger from 4 days in a week to 6 days in a week |
| 4 | 2501/2502 | New Delhi-Guwahati Sampark Kranti from bi-weekly to tri-weekly |
| 5 | 2327/2328 | Howrah-Dehradun Upasana Express from weekly to bi-weekly |
| 6 | 2811/2812 | Hatia-Lokmanya Tilak (T) Express from weekly to bi-weekly |
| 7 | 5625/5626 | Bangalore-Guwahati Express from bi-weekly to tri-weekly |
| 8 | 2345/2346 | Howrah-Guwahati Saraighat Express from tri-weekly to 5 days in a week |
| 9 | 4319/4320 | Kathgodam-Dehradun Express from bi-weekly to tri-weekly |
| 10 | 2683/2684 | Bangalore-Ernakulam Express from weekly to bi-weekly |
| 11 | 1037/1038 | Patna-Pune Express from weekly to bi-weekly |
| 12 | 2715/2716 | Amritsar-Nanded Sachkhand Express from 5 days in a week to daily |
| **Budget 2006-07 services to be provided** | | |
| **Introduction 2006-07** | | |
| 1 | 1067A/1068A | Rae Bareli-Pratapgarh-Lokmanya Tilak (T) Link Express (bi-weekly) |
| 2 | 2611/2612 | Delhi (Nizamuddin)-Chennai Garib Rath (AC) (weekly) |
| 3 | 2889/2890 | Tatanagar-Yesvantpur Express (weekly) |
| 4 | 2891/2892 | Bhubaneswar-Baripada Express (tri-weekly) |
| 5 | 2897/2898 | Bhubaneswar-Pondicherry Express (weekly) |
| 6 | 2909/2910 | Delhi (Nizamuddin)-Mumbai (Bandra) Garib Rath (AC) (weekly) |

| Sl. | Train No. | Train name |
|---|---|---|
| 7 | 2911/2912 | Delhi (Nizamuddin)-Patna Garib Rath (AC) (tri-weekly) |
| 8 | 2947/2948 | Ahmedabad-Patna Azimabad Express (weekly) |
| 9 | 3155/3156 | Darbhanga-Kolkata (Chitpur) Mithilanchal Express (bi-weekly) |
| 10 | 3157/3158 | Muzaffarpur-Kolkata (Chitpur) Tirhut Express (weekly) |
| 11 | 3159/3160 | Jogbani-Kolkata Express (tri-weekly) (after gauge conversion) |
| 12 | 4321/4322 | Bhuj-Bareilly Express (tri-weekly) |
| 13 | 4601/4602 | Sonpur-Chhapra-Jammu Tawi Mour Dhwaj Express (weekly) |
| 14 | 5277/5278 | Bangalore-Darbhanga Express *via* Chennai, Patna (weekly) |
| 15 | 5279/5280 | Delhi (New Azadpur)-Saharsa Poorabiya Express *via* Lucknow (weekly) |
| 16 | 551/552 | Purna-Adilabad Passenger (after gauge conversion) (weekly) |
| 17 | 553/554 | Nanded-Adilabad Passenger (after gauge conversion) (daily) |
| 18 | 7609/7610 | Purna-Nanded-Patna Express (after gauge conversion) (weekly) |
| 19 | 8205/8206 | Durg-Gorakhpur Express *via* Faizabad (weekly) |
| 20 | 8631/8632 | Ajmer-Ranchi Garib Nawaj Express *via* Varanasi (weekly) |
| 21 | 9051/9052 | Valsad-Udhna (Surat)-Chhapra-Sonpur Shramik Express (weekly) |
| 22 | 2943/2944 | Valsad-Udhna (Surat)-Kanpur Udyogkarmi Express (weekly) |
| 23 | 9781/9782 | Jaipur-Amritsar Express (bi-weekly) |
| 24 | | Link Express between Darbhanga and Guwahati with 5690/5610 Avadh-Assam Express (daily) |

| Sl | Train No. | Train name |
|---|---|---|
| 25 | | Madurai-Rameswaram Passenger (after gauge conversion) (daily) |
| 26 | | Ajmer-Udaipur City Express (after gauge conversion) |
| 27 | | Kumarghat-Agartala (after commissioning of new metre gauge line) (daily) |
| **Extension 2006-07** | | |
| 1 | 3245/3246 | Danapur-New Jalpaiguri Capital Express to Kamakhya (Guwahati) (4 days a week) |
| 2 | 4201/4202 | Mathura-Lucknow Express *(via* Faizabad-Varanasi) to Patna (3 days a week) |
| 3 | 5267/5268 | Lokmanya Tilak (T)-Muzaffarpur Express to Raxaul |
| 4 | 6039/6040 | Chennai-Varanasi Ganga Kaveri Express to Chhapra (2 days a week) |
| 5 | 7227/7228 | Vasco-Vijayawada Express (4 days a week) to Howrah |
| 6 | 751/752 | Madurai-Manamadurai Passenger to Rameswaram (after gauge conversion) |
| 7 | 753/754 | Madurai-Manamadurai Passenger to Rameswaram (after gauge conversion) |
| 8 | 7605/7606 | Mumbai-Nanded Nandigram Express to Nagpur (after gauge conversion) |
| 9 | 8507/8508 | Visakhapatnam-Nizamuddin Hirakud Express to Amritsar |
| 10 | 8563/8564 | Bangalore-Visakhapatnam Prashanti Express to Bhubaneswar |
| 11 | IDM/2DM | Delhi-Meerut City Passenger to Muzaffarnagar |